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SUBJ: INTEGRATED ENERGY PROGRAM - NORWEGIAN CONCERNS

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1. APPRECIATE USEFUL INSIGHTS INTO NORWEGIAN POSITION.
FOLLOWING PARAS ARE KEYED TO REFTEL.

2. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL: BELIEVE SCHEDULE AS CURRENTLY STRUCTURED CAN BE ACCOMMODATED TO NORWEGIAN POLITICAL AGENDA. HOWEVER, WE HOPE ALL DELEGATES WILL COME TO JULY 29/30 MEETING PREPARED TO FILL IN REMAINING BLANKS IN PAPER UNDER CONSIDERATION IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE IEP AT THAT MEETING. FOLLOWING THAT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE ELABORATED BY EXPERTS AND LAWYERS, AND THERE WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE AND OTHER PROYPECTIVE MEMBERS. FINAL MEETING TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT COULD PERHAPS BE SCHEDULED SO AS TO ALLOW FOR PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WITH ITS PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES IN MID-SEPTEMBER. WE WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER IN BRUSSELS.

3. EXPANSION OF IEP PARTICIPATION: OUR APPROACH HAS BEEN THAT ON A MATTER OF FUNDAMENTAL JUDGMENT SUCH AS WHETHER OR NOT A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER WILL BE ABLE AND WILLING TO CARRY OUT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THIS PROBLEM FURTHER IN BRUSSELS.

4. ROLE OF THE OECD: WE ARE AGREEABLE TO EXPLORING EVERY POSSIBILITY OF EMBEDDING OR "WAREHOUSING" THE IEP IN THE OECD ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN THE IEP

AGREEMENT ITSELF IS PRESENTED TO THE OECD COUNCIL IT WOULD BE SUBJECT ONLY TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL, NOT MODIFICATION. IF THE OECD REFUSED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AS IS, OR IF THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MANAGEMENTS COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT, THEN THE GROUP MIGHT HAVE TO CONSIDER OTHER FOLLOW-ON ALTERNATIVES.

5. AUTOMATIC TRIGGER: A RELIABLE TRIGGER IS ESSENTIAL, IN OUR VIEW, IF COUNTRIES ARE TO PREFER TO JOIN IN THIS AGREEMENT, RATHER THAN TO ATTEMPT PARALLEL ACTION OR TO GO IT ALONE. THIS IS A SINE QUA NON FOR US PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE TRIGGER

SHOULD BE PURELY MECHANISTIC. IN ANY REAL CRISIS, WE
WOULD HOPE THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE THE POLITICAL
CONSULTATION FRYDENLUND ENVISAGES, AND IN FACT THE
CHAIRMAN WILL CIRCULATE A PROPOSED REVIEW CLAUSE IN
ADVANCE OF THE JULY 29 MEETING. WHEN THE TRIGGER WERE
PULLED, MEMBERS COULD ALWAYS HAVE RECOURSE TO PROVISIONS,
SHOULD THE DECISION APPEAR INAPPROPRIATE IN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES. THESE REVIEWING PROCEDURES, HOWEVER,
SHOULD BE SO STRUCTURED AS TO ESTABLISH A PRESUMPTION
OF ACTION, WHICH WOULD BE REVERSED ONLY BY A SUBSTANTIAL
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